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RASH ILLNESS KIT PACKING & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

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NOTE: SPECIMENS SHOULD BE HELD AT 2-8 °C. UNTIL SHIPPED

Depending on the testing to be performed, the kit will contain the following:

Vaccinia virus:

Kit contents:

- Plastic slide holder with 3 glass slides
- Small plastic screw-cap tube
- One tube of Tryptose Phosphate Broth (TPB) viral transport media
- Sterile swab
- Specimen collection instructions/ patient information form
- Packaging/shipping supplies

Varicella zoster virus:

Kit contents:

- Small plastic screw cap tube
- Dry swab in plastic screw cap tube
- One tube of Tryptose Phosphate Broth (TPB) viral transport media
- Sterile swab
- Specimen collection instructions/ patient information form
- Packaging/shipping supplies.

Rash of unknown viral etiology:

Kit contents:

- Plastic slide holder with 3 glass slides
- Small plastic screw cap tube
- Dry swab in plastic screw cap tube
- One tube of TPB and a sterile swab
- Specimen collection instructions/ patient information form
- Packaging/shipping supplies

Packaging instructions:

- Collect appropriate specimens according to testing procedures to be performed
- Place all specimens into pouches in bubble pack
- Roll bubble pack and place in round plastic container with red top
- Tighten top of plastic container securely
- Place sealed plastic container inside small cardboard mailer with foam insert; seal
- Place small cardboard mailer inside large styrofoam box
- Insert freeze pillows around small mailer and pack securely
- Place Styrofoam box into large cardboard box; place paper work on top of styrofoam box
- Seal the large outer cardboard box, apply address label and ship by overnight delivery to the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory

PROPER SPECIMEN PACKAGING

Rash Illness

